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Claims 1, 3 and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Egawa et al. Claims 2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Egawa et al.

In response, it is respectfully submitted that the claims recite features not anticipated by Egawa et al. In particular, such features include "an additional sequence of K pictures are inserted at the switching point between the two sequences", as recited in Claim 1.

In column 7, lines 1-4, Egawa et al. discloses:

"The inventors have determined that if this number of stuffing bits are added before the inserted sequence STREAM2, there will be no overflow of the input when the data stream is received."

Based on the above disclosure, it is evident that Egawa et al. does not disclose "an additional sequence of K pictures are inserted at the switching point between the two sequences", as required by the claims. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this feature is not anticipated by Egawa et al.

In view of the above-described distinctions, it is respectfully submitted that the invention of Claims 1-4 and

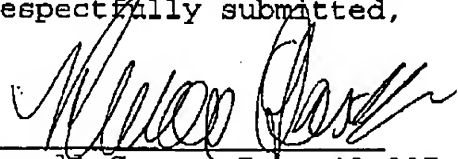
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7-9 is neither anticipated nor made obvious by Egawa et al.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the above rejections be reconsidered and reversed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) to Account No. 14-1270.

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